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This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in America.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

ENCOURAGEMENT comes from China in "the development of the Church of Christ and the widespread acceptance of the ideal union throughout the churches. At Chinese New Year a united gathering was planned and carried through by the Christians of Peking, when representatives of thirteen different missions joined heartily in a Christian service. The energy the Chinese have manifested is the most encouraging feature of the movement, showing that the Chinese Christians are little inclined to assist in perpetuating the 'unfortunate divisions' of the Western church."

AT a dinner given to Sir Robert Hart by the London Chamber of Commerce, he said: "In my office at Peking there are men of fourteen different nationalities at work, and the Customs staff comprised about 1,500 Europeans and Americans and 15,000 Chinese. When I went to China in 1854 there were only five open ports; now there are between forty and fifty. In the course of time China will have railways in every direction. At the present day telegrams can be sent from every part of that Empire, and a post-office is established in almost every town of China. A country of 4,000,000 square miles and a people numbering 400,000,000, if they turn in the right direction, might make a great future for that country."

AT a missionary meeting in London Robert P. Wilder stated: "One million in India speak the English language and three millions more are fairly well acquainted with it. These are the men who are to rule that land. All the leading reformers of the last century have received a modern English education, while almost all the leaders of the reactionary movements are ignorant of the English language. In the city of my birth in Western India, a Brahman gentleman spoke of the great advance made in education since my father had labored there. 'But,' I asked, 'have these lads improved morally as much as they have intellectually?' With the deepest feeling he said, 'That is our problem. Our students have lost faith in their old religion; they have lost respect for their parents and teachers; they are drifting on the sea of agnosticism.' We should be thankful that some students are in mission colleges, where instruction in the Bible is regularly given."

"ONE of the things that impresses me most in India is the attitude of the educated classes towards Jesus Christ. It was my privilege to go over most of India, and I find His name and His character is admired by the educated people. One of the Brahmo-Somaj papers states:

"We Brahmos of the New Dispensation believe that there can be no regeneration without Christ, who is 'the door' of the kingdom of Heaven, and if any man comes not through that door he has no place in it."

"THE Calcutta Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society celebrated its ninety-sixth anniversary this year. It holds a unique place in the affections of Christian people, and for more than a century has proved its claim to be the indispensable ally of all the Churches. Since its foundation, the Bible Society has spent $77,000,000 in producing and distributing above two hundred million copies of the Scriptures. Presses produce nearly six million copies a year, and nearly sixty different sets of characters are employed in the printing. 1,600 Colporteurs and Bible-women are ever at work selling and distributing the Scriptures and reading them to the illiterate. Last year they sold 40,000 copies of Scripture at prices within reach of the poorest of the poor."

FÄTEHPUR MEMORIAL DISPENSARY.

IN EASTERN LANDS.

INDIA—FÄTEHPUR.

FÄTEHPUR MEMORIAL DISPENSARY.

By Dr. Mina MacKenzie.

OUR Memorial Dispensary at Fätehpur has been completed, and gives us great satisfaction. The building is divided into four rooms extending from front to back. The first door on the right, opens into the women's waiting-room. Here the women are received and have religious instruction until the physician sees them. This is a very important part of the work, the part in fact, for which our work stands, all our efforts being for the purpose of making Jesus Christ known to the people, and through them to those in their homes and villages.

Our patients now number from fifty to sixty daily, and their friends coming with them increase the number of those who hear the Gospel, to about ninety. Our numbers are steadily increasing, and ere long they will exceed a hundred. Many of our patients come to us five, ten and twenty miles, and we are looking forward eagerly to the time when our *Lily Lytle Broadwell Memorial Hospital* will be completed and accommodate them. We have no support for a Bible-woman yet, and would be glad if any friend would care to invest fifty dollars a year in one, as the opportunity for reaching souls is very great.

The second room on the right is a large one with two doors in front and a door and window behind, and is divided by screens into four apartments. In the first of these the patients are seen and prescribed for by the physician. In one of the small apartments with a window at the back, gynecological treatments are given, and the other is for minor surgical operations and dressings. In the fourth apartment the patients wait till they receive their medicine and treatment.

Communicating by a small door with this room is the pleasant drug room, extending from front to back of the building, and having a row of wall *almyras* on one side and dispensing table and sink on the other. Our drugs cost on an average twenty-five dollars a month, and at present we have to depend on our out-patients who can afford to pay for treatment in their homes, for this income. The number however, who can pay is not large, and most of the visits have to be made free. Should any friends at home feel

they could spare either the whole or part of this amount for the Master, it would relieve us here, and we would devote the out-patients' income to other running expenses. The Master has thus far cared for and increased our work in a wonderful way, and we wholly trust to Him to provide for it.

The last room on the left is an operating-room, which is yet unfurnished, and any donations either in money, operating-table, stand or instruments will be gratefully received.

The Dispensary is open daily from seven to twelve, except on Sundays and Wednesdays, when it is opened at nine o'clock for surgical dressings. A Sabbath-School has become a very interesting feature of our work, as we have a class for older women who come for treatment, one for girls and one for boys from six to ten years, and an infant class. The attendance is increasing, and we hope soon to have a large, well organized Sabbath-School.

Our Dispensary Sabbath-School has only been open a little over a month, and the children have already learned several hymns and Bible verses. We will be glad of dolls, fair-haired ones as well as dark, and cloth for jackets for the little ones as a reward for regular attendance, for most of them are very poor and have nothing to wear during the cold months.

We are most anxious to open a day-school in a little building which is beside our Dispensary. The cost of putting a new roof on and repairing it will be about fifty dollars, and a teacher will cost fifty dollars a year. There are more than a hundred children within a quarter of a mile of us now not in school, who might thus be reached and won for Christ. Their parents are very anxious for the school, and being so close to the Dispensary, I could supervise it while attending to my duties there. It is a great opportunity for service, and I trust that some of the Lord's friends will accept it.

I want to thank our friends in Brooklyn and in Princeton for the valuable, useful articles they sent for our Dispensary and Sunday-School work. The old linen, unbleached muslin, blankets, absorbent cotton, sterile gauze, thermometers, soap, pills, infants' food, picture cards, pencils, pens, etc., being of great value to us in the work. The Master will watch over and bless what is thus given to Him and you will find a joyful harvest awaiting you.

The Commissioner's wife is taking great interest in our work, and has planted in front and one side of our Dispensary a pretty garden, which makes the building look very attractive, and is a good object lesson to all, as well as refreshing for us.

Pray for the Master's work here, that the people of this city and district may come to know the great things which God has done for them, and through Jesus Christ receive Eternal Life.

JHANSI.

A HUNGRY SOUL.

By Miss Mary D. Fairbank.

DO you know what it is to be haunted by a face? Let me tell you about one that has often been in my dreams, and in my waking thoughts as well. It is that of a sad-faced, gray-haired widow from Hyderabad. When she came here to visit her husband's younger brother, she was so happy, for it had been a long time since she had seen him, and never before his young wife. A happy time they had all together, when suddenly the old brother from Hyderabad sickened and died within one day!

No one knew what was the trouble, as it was before anyone could call a doctor. In less than a week after, I went to that very locality to see the pupil next door, all related to our City Treasurer. As we were bowing our heads to get inside the low doorway Mariyam Dass, our Bible-woman, said: "The sister-in-law of our pupil next door is in very great trouble," and told what had happened. I determined to go there and try to give her a little comfort. Scarcely had I begun to sing a *bhajan* (native hymn) when the intervening door was opened and in came several women. Among them a much older gray-haired woman, tall and distinguished looking with a hopeless face, was very noticeable, arrayed in a dark *Sari* with a deep border of red. We sang twice, and every little while a wan smile would come over her face, and she said: "What loveful words. I was told that English women know nothing of God, but how is this?"

In my heart I had been praying that I might select the passage that would be most helpful to her, and it seemed that the raising of Lazarus and Christ's words about the resurrection were just what she needed. I read them slowly, and then asked the women to tell me what they had heard. After that the Bible-woman explained it, and with heart-felt prayers and another *bhajan* we went next door.

There we found this woman again, ready and eager to listen as she sat near me where she could see my face. One of the other women wanted to get some seats for us, but before I could say that we did not wish any, she said: "Oh, let that wait, I want to hear more that the *Miss Sahib* is going to read." The younger sister read her lesson from Mark of a blind man healed, and I then read the portion of the Sermon on the Mount about taking no thought for the morrow.

When we had talked and prayed and sung I rose to go, but the woman held me, saying, "No one ever told me such comfort-giving words as those, stay with me, do!" When I had promised that the Bible-woman would go to her the next day, she left off clutching my skirt.

When I went again to see her she had gone, for a very urgent letter had come from her home calling her back, so that she left suddenly. But I know that He who giveth the increase is watching over her, and the seed that was sown in her heart. Some day there will surely be fruit, though we may never know anything about it. It is a blessed privilege to be a sharer in such a seed-sowing and what will it be to be sharers in the harvest?

It will be beyond all our finite conceptions to be sharers here in the joy over one sinner that repenteth, but what will it be yonder when we see face to face and know what we could never have known here? You who are readers, are you not anxious to be co-workers together with Him as never before?

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

JAPANESE PROPOSALS.

By Miss Clara D. Loomis.

MISSIONARIES are frequently called upon to act as go-betweens in arranging a Japanese marriage. One in charge of a number of Japanese girls received not long ago a letter, the substance of which is as follows:

"Having heard of your long residence in Japan, and having great confidence in your judgment, I am writing to ask you to choose me a wife. I am a widower of forty and have one son with me, a boy eight years of age.

I have a quiet home in the suburbs of the city, and would like someone to keep house for me, so will state very frankly just what I would require. I would expect my wife to rise at four in the morning so as to have the house open and in order, when I rise at five. I would wish her then to prepare the breakfast, dress my little boy and have him ready to start for school at eight. She could then attend to my wants before I start out for the day. During my absence I would expect her to attend to her household duties and do all the sewing necessary for the family. I do not wish her to leave the house or entertain company during my absence. I wish to have her entire thought centered upon me and my son. Any purchases which are necessary for the household may be made after nine o'clock in the evening.

If you know of anyone whom you think would suit me please send her as soon as possible and let me know when to expect her so I can send a "jinrikisha" man down to meet her. I will pay for the "jinrikisha." I wish her to come alone and bring no baggage. She is to wear a cotton *kimono* and I will provide anything further which I think she may need, as I want her always to dress very plainly. Regretting that I should have to trouble you, but assuring you that any girl who conforms to my will will find me a good husband.

Yours sincerely, &c.

Another Japanese who married a mission school girl announced his marriage after some two or three months had passed, in the following novel way.

On postal cards were printed pictures of himself and his bride, and above the pictures the words "I married this girl ——— ——— on April 16th. She was so homely and unattractive I was quite ashamed of her at first, but now that I have come to know her we are both very happy, and I take pleasure in sending you this announcement of our marriage." These portraits were sent to his friends all through Japan.

When men have this attitude towards women and most marriages are arranged entirely by a third party, is it any wonder that educated girls enter upon the new life with fear and trembling, and that many of those capable of supporting themselves prefer it to a life of servitude?

Of the one hundred and twenty-four graduates of the school in Yokohama, sixteen have died and sixty-eight have married, while many of the others are working to support themselves and their brothers and sisters as well.

In general the happiest marriages are those with men who have been to America, and learned there something of Christian courtesy and gentlemanliness. My plea is that those in the home land who have any opportunity to come in contact with or influence Japanese

men, may use it to raise their ideals of Christian manhood and womanhood. In their hands lie great opportunities for establishing happy Christian homes in a land where that is at present the crying need.

PERSONALS.

India, Allahabad: Miss Edith H. May writes: Recently the second meeting of our Bengali Woman's Club was held. The subject was historical, as the members had prepared themselves for a debate on Akbar the Great, and if his reign were beneficial or not to India? As the women were too shy to speak without notes, each one had prepared her paper, taking up different points on his life and reign. It was really delightful to see the interest and pleasure all took in this debate and the order of the meeting, where twenty-six members and some visitors were present. In summing up the debate at its close, Miss Roderick said that truly Akbar was a great man and monarch, but that his failures were due to the lack of great controlling principles, which the law of God alone supplies, and which the humblest disciple of Jesus can have. After the debate, classes were formed for scientific cutting of garments, embroidery, the study of English and painting. Remember that these are all Zenana pupils, young women and girls who have a weekly Bible lesson, but who at present seem to need something more in their lives, and we felt that the Club with a Christian setting would best meet the needs.

These classes are to meet once a week. The cutting class is to be held by Mrs. Manley, the wife of the Principal of the Government Training-School for teachers. The embroidery is to be taught by English ladies, one of whom has a school for English and Eurasian children in Allahabad. English will be taught by two ladies, and painting by Miss Roderick. Already the doors of two influential homes have opened to us through the Club for Bible lessons.

Jhansi: Miss Morrison writes: We have had several baptisms among the patients of our Memorial Hospitals, one of whom will be sent for training to our Orphanage at Cawnpore. We also have three Christian servants, and others are thinking seriously of following their example.

Binda, our blind Christian boy, has been placed in a school for his class, where he is being taught to do caning of chair seats, etc., and is happy in becoming useful.

THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM.

Many years ago a personal friend endowed a bed for our former president, Maria N. Johnson, in the Margaret Williamson Hospital. Miss Elizabeth Irvine writes: "What a joy it is to think of her for whom this bed is named, as now being in the presence of Him whom she loved here, and to whom she was always desirous to lead others. Her letters to us were always an inspiration, and I was ever conscious as I visited the patients in the beds in which she had an especial interest, that they showed a marked desire for the Gospel, which I always attributed to her earnest prayers in their behalf. It is a fact, that some beds always have patients who like to hear the Gospel. Without prayer we believe our efforts would be largely futile. It is S. D. Gordon who advocates strongly that those in the home land have an influence in reaching the heathen by way of the Throne of Grace. We in the front of the battle realize the truth of this. A Mrs. V——, who is a member of the Baptist Church, spent months in the Maria N. Johnson bed. She came in paralyzed from the waist down. We were glad to bring comfort and cheer to her sometimes as her condition was a most trying one. She had a family of little children at home and the husband is a man of small means which always increases the burden. It was not surprising if sometimes I should find the woman in tears, and then it was a joy to kneel down by her bedside and unite our voices in prayer for her recovery. God very graciously heard our prayers, and recently she returned to her family. Though not strong, we praised God that she was able to walk around, and also to take her own food. The daughter who was in school had to go home, and look after the younger children. It is gratifying to have the testimony of a Christian woman before the heathen. We realize that if this people are to be won to Christ it must be through their own people. The past year has given us many proofs that the Gospel is being spread by those who have come to know Him as their Saviour."

We remind our friends that we are desirous of placing another memorial bed to our consecrated worker who left us this year for her high reward. The Maria Ackerman Hoyt Hospital at Jhansi is to be thus honored, but thus far only four hundred dollars has been received of the needed six hundred. Will not some one who recalls the past, see that this amount is secured before the first anniversary of her heavenly birthday, February 25th, is reached?

HOME NOTES.

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED.

OUR constituency doubtless remembers our prayer meeting which is held in our office, 67 Bible House, the fourth Tuesday of every month at eleven o'clock A.M. Although we welcome any friend who may be in the city at that time, we realize many are precluded from this privilege by distance. For such, we propose to publish the subjects which will come before us each month, many of them being urgent requests for spiritual blessings on the work of our missionaries.

Miss Edith H. May writes us from Allahabad, where she has superintended the work for over a year: "We have decided to open a new school for Bengali and high-caste Hindu children in a part of the city where a Christian school is much needed, and we hope that this will be the nucleus for the Central school we have been planning. We think we have secured a good building for it, and were touched by the kindness of a Bengali gentleman, who took two hours of his time in walking about from lane to lane, in trying to secure the right place for us. Had it not been for him we would probably have been refused the house. Prayer is asked for this new school, that Divine guidance may be given in every detail.

"We also desire prayer for our other schools now in operation, and for the women in the zenanas, whose hearts seem to have been touched, and for the Bengali Woman's Club, that the seal of God may be upon it and His presence felt in it."

Miss M. A. Fairbank writes from Jhansi: "Some months ago a Christian man came to ask me to visit his wife who was in jail, having been accused of attempting to kidnap a girl. The jail is open to visitors, from eight to ten, every Sunday.

"The jailer in charge was very kind when I asked permission to go in the yard for women, and directed a prison attendant to carry a chair for me. The Civil Surgeon during other visits has often escorted me to the door, and I appreciated it, as it is an unusual thing to permit Christian work among the prisoners.

"The woman I went to see was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment. During the hot weather I went to the jail every Sunday. We sang native hymns and I read them from the Bible, the parable of the lost sheep and similar passages.

"One Sabbath the lesson had been 'The Sower' and 'The Tares,' and we had an especially happy time together. Always before reading anything new, I would ask what they remembered. A woman spoke up, saying, 'It is this way. You know in stony ground there is no use to plant seed. What comes up is small and yellow and the grain is not good. The farmers plow good ground and make it soft. Then when there are rains there are good crops, many times what was put in the ground. Sometimes some seeds fall into the thorns all around the edge of the field, but it is not worth while to try and pick them out from among the brambles. There is just one more kind of soil, Miss Sahiba, but I cannot remember it.' When I suggested the path which had been trodden under the foot of men, she said, 'Oh! yes, I had forgotten it.'

"We reviewed the parable of the tares next and I applied it to their own lives. I spoke of Satan and his sowing bad thoughts and evil desires in our hearts, and because they had let him enter, they were here. Each one told her crime and then we prayed and after I had finished, they all kept perfectly quiet with their faces to the ground. Gently I said, 'Would anyone like to pray?' Like a wave it went over them, 'I want to be better,' 'Oh! Jesus, make me good,' and when they lifted up their heads their faces were streaming with tears. Pray for that work, and I hope many will be so interested in it, they will unite their prayers with ours, that many may really give their hearts to the Lord, in these days of their confinement, and return to their homes with changed lives, and show to others that they are His, and may thus bring many to Him."

Miss Elizabeth Irvine, our Evangelist to the Margaret Williamson Hospital in Shanghai, writes: "I would ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of the patients in our Hospital. I believe that more can be done in bringing the Gospel to this heathen people by way of the Throne of Grace, than by any other method. A number have been received into church-fellowship, as a result of the work done with patients in the Wards. Over fifty thousand have been prescribed for in our Dispensary, and some hundreds have been received for longer or shorter periods in the Wards. Can you appreciate what this means for those who have the charge here?

In connection with the exhausting labors of our missionaries, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of daily prayer for their health. Several of them have been seriously ill, and are struggling to find strength in quiet resting-places. Believing that the Divine Physician can restore them to

their wonted vigor we ask that definite pleadings may ascend to the Throne of Grace.

Not less important are our prayers for Miss Alice Wishart as she takes up the duties at Allahabad, which illness so ruthlessly interrupted. Also for our new appointment, Miss Elizabeth McCunn, that she may quickly find the right adjustments, which will carry her forward to greater developments.

Surely no one will forget our Board which is bearing serious burdens in guiding and shaping our varied forms of work in lands across wide seas. Often emergencies tax our strongest faith, and superhuman wisdom is needed to solve complicated problems.

At the close of an eventful year, we utter the cry, "Pray for us!"

AN INSPIRATION.

RECENTLY a most touching "Sketch of Lilavati Singh" by Florence L. Nichols has been brought to our knowledge. If one is seeking for an inspiration to foreign mission work, no more blessed one can be found than the only too brief record of a remarkable life rich in gifts, and rare in promise. That there are many such exalted young women and girls in India we do not doubt, and we realize that they are waiting only for our helping hand, to a development which will regenerate their down-trodden sex.

Do not fail to read this beautiful sketch and circulate it widely among skeptics of foreign missions.

Price 25c., postage 4c. On sale at Branch Headquarters Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Publication Office, Room 60, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

MEMORIAL.

AN overwhelming loss came to our Society in the death of Miss Wallace, October 20th. Her interest in our Missions dates from 1868, when, in connection with the Newark Branch, she identified herself with its varied forms of service. Realizing the priceless importance of training the young in the love of foreign missions, she organized many Mission Bands in her city and country homes, all being enthusiastic workers and contributors.

In 1883 she became a manager of our Board, giving through these long years the most helpful and intelligent service. Especially were her abilities consecrated to our Publishing Committee, where her critical detection of typographical errors, and her keen appreciation of the most attractive methods of presenting our claims, made her an invaluable helper.

Varied specific objects in our stations claimed her interests and prayers, but for years she has supported one and another of our missionaries as her substitute in the foreign field, and through her intimate association with them, and her helpful correspondence, she cheered them in many a difficult situation. Her hospitable home was ever open for the entertainment of these servants of the Lord, where their over-wrought strength might find the repose so imperative for continuance in the work.

Countless private benefactions were accomplished in the most unostentatious manner, but these only supplemented more systematized forms of benevolence. The "Foster Home" for children in Newark, claimed a large part of her time and strength, and there comes to memory a summer holiday in her attractive country home, where these little waifs, orphaned in early life, found pastime and good cheer on the spacious lawn, shaded by stately trees.

A closer touch for toiling women, with circumscribed lives, was made possible by the opening of "Wood Rest" in Chatham, where an uplifting holiday of two or more weeks transformed days of deprivation. Strong religious influences surrounded these guests during their visits and many a doubting faith was made stronger for the fray, by the family prayers and daily Bible study.

We recall how she counted it a privilege to entertain in this attractive spot our Assistant Missionary, Miss Roderick from Allahabad, India, the last summer she was with us, and how she planned a visit to Niagara Falls, that she might enjoy one of the world's great sights.

Her last service for the Lord was the establishment of a Memorial Day-Nursery in Newark, where twenty little ones were cared for.

A life so broad in its sympathies, so rich in its priceless opportunities for private ministration, accompanied with the power to carry out what her generous consecration of time and money deemed wise, is of itself an inspiration for higher and holier living. But with her quiet unostentation we are sure she would say:

"The purest joy,
Most near to Heaven from earth's alloy,
Is bidding clouds give way to sun and shine;
And 'twill be well
If, on that day of days, the angels tell
Of me, 'She did her best for one of thine.'"

IN OUR CAWNPORE ORPHANAGE.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

JUST AS IT HAPPENED.

By ALICE WISHART.

THIS has not been a very remarkable day, yet still I want to remember it because it was my first one in Allahabad zenanas alone, without a Bible-woman to accompany me. It is quite different going about alone and having to depend entirely on one's own use of the language, but I prefer it. I had no trouble in finding some houses where we taught, down a net-work tangle of alleys to-day.

The first house was having a wedding feast, so of course could not even consider reading, but in the next, although the women were busy cooking, the lord and master said half graciously: "You can come in," and brought a dirty little stool for me to sit on. At last a woman came in and untied her books from a dirty handkerchief. The reading-lesson was very good, and the spelling-lesson fairly so. Then came a short Bible-lesson and a *bhajan* (hymn) which did not make me feel utterly discouraged.

The next house in another gully was closed because, as a boy (in a much worn turban, with an interesting face) informed me, the mother of the little girl who reads had died of plague yesterday and that meant no lesson there. He seemed to know where my next zenana was, for he volunteered to lead the way, pushed open the door and called out that the *Mem Sahib* had come. A voice from above told me to come up, and I found an interesting young woman in a clean rich red *sari*. A mat not very clean was spread in one corner for me to sit upon and I took the necessary books out of my bag and began teaching the little daughter. The young mother waited impatiently until we had finished, then began earnestly to spell out her own lesson, providing against interruptions from the child by setting her to scouring the brass dishes. Before we were half through, a middle-aged woman came in, and sat down in the door-way to watch the progress of the lesson.

In another house were three women and two children who were especially attentive to the Bible lesson. The next zenana, a young pupil was just learning her letters while a

baby screamed intermittently and the grandmother added to the disturbance by chopping fodder on the floor beside us. They stopped for a minute to listen, then the door opened and I heard "It is time to go home." I had finished my first day in zenanas alone. Oh! for a chance!!

ALL ALIKE.

By EMMA M. BERTSCH.

MAY I introduce to you our baby, a dear little girl who came to our Allahabad Mission over a year ago from a famine district in India. Both her mother and she would have died if they had not been taken away by a missionary, for they showed what hunger and privation they had passed through. With them came two other little girls and an infant who was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital and cared for by the kind doctor and her faithful assistants.

One Sunday it was announced to us that the woman's brother had come from a distant city to see her. On hearing this she fell at my feet begging us not to send her away, and was comforted by our assuring her she need not go with him unless she wished. Since the brother had done nothing for her, when she was starving, we felt she had chosen wisely to remain with us. She is learning to love Jesus and His word and is committing hymns to memory, which she loves to sing.

We call the little one Sasiyah, and we send her to school daily, and already she can repeat verses. When she first came to us she was very wilful, and refused to say *Salaam* even when sweets were offered as an inducement. Her mother could not keep her from running about in the intense heat of the summer days. I took her to my room, where nearly two hours were spent in making her lie down. At length she yielded and we became the best of friends. Lately the little mischief insists that I too shall lie down and before she closes her eyes, she tries to extract a promise from me to do so. Later she told a friend, "Miss Sahib wanted me to close my eyes and pray, but I would not." Finally she did offer a little prayer, that Jesus would help her to be unselfish, and not eat all of the mango, while her mother only had the peel. When sweets were divided, she promptly put aside a part of her share for her mother. When she learned that something had been given to her mother she quickly exclaimed, "You have more than I, and must give me some of yours." She is an interesting little one, who is constantly giving us surprises, which make us realize we are "all akin." So I ask you to remember this child when you pray for your sisters across the sea.

FUNERAL CUSTOMS IN CHINA.

By YAU JUIN ZUNG.

(A pupil in the Bridgman School at Shanghai)

IF a person dies, what do we do in our country? Now, I will tell you about it. First they take the dead man and wash his body; then they buy a satin dress and dress him in it. When they finish dressing him they invite Buddhist and Taoist priests to perform the funeral ceremonies. When they are ready to put the dead body in a coffin they put lime and carbon in the bottom and many white papers are put over that. Around the dead body is a red bed-quilt as he is placed in the coffin. All his family, sons and daughters, cry very loudly, and put on white clothes. After seven days, they invite the Taoist and Buddhist priests to perform the funeral ceremonies again, and they do this for seven weeks in succession. After forty-nine days, the coffin is taken out and put on the grave and all the family send gifts for him.

Funeral procession day is very beautiful to look at. First come pieces of wood with many Chinese characters on them which tell what the man did before he died. Next come two gongs, then priests, Taoists and Buddhists, who hold a piece of white satin in their hands. Then come men carrying embroidered umbrellas in their hands. Then comes a sedan-chair, for the soul to ride in, followed by many sons who walk under a mosquito net which is carried by four men.

When these have all passed, at last comes the coffin, covered with red satin elaborately embroidered in various colors and on top, a large metal crane. After the coffin there are many sedan chairs covered with white cloth, in which are his widow, his daughters, daughters-in-law and their families.

When they return home, his wife, sons, and daughters do not take off their white clothes, but they put a white cloth on their heads for about three years. They also every morning and night put rice, vegetables, and many other things on a table to remember him. When they take out the table they invite the Taoist and Buddhist priests to the house to perform ceremonies.

RECEIPTS *of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from October 1 to October 31, 1909.*

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

N. Y.—Albany Br., Miss M. L. Leonard, Treas. Rensselaer St. Mission S. S., for School, 50.00; Brooklyn, Life Line Mission, Mrs. M. J. Donnelly, Treas., for Bible Reader, 30.00; Dewittville, Mrs. L. C. Ely, for Miss Bertsch's Work, 40.00,	$120 00	
N. J.—Morristown, N. J., Mr. Geo. E. Voorhees, per Mr. W. C. Van Doren, for Miss Wishart,	25 00	
Mich.—Detroit, C. E. Miss. Com., St. Paul's Ch., Miss H. Wunderlich for Miss Bertsch,	12 50	
Total,		$157 50

CALCUTTA.

Mass.—Brookline, Mrs. Wm. Vernon, for Sailee Sikdar,	$10 00	
N. Y.—N. Y. City, Mrs. Davies Coxe, "Gardner Band," and M. E. McComb Scholarships, 200.00; Saratoga Springs, Mrs. L. M. Kortright, for Sunaini, 20.00,	220 00	
N. J.—Scotch Plains, "Lend a Hand" Soc., Mrs. Jopling, Pres. for Christomoni, Orphan,	12 50	
Pa.—Germantown S. S., First Pres. Ch., Mr. R. A. Davies, Treas. for Amy, 7.50; X Y Z Soc., Mrs. J. I. Kelly, Treas., for Bible Reader, Calcutta, 66.45,	73 95	
Total,		$316 45

CAWNPORE.

Mary Avery Merriman Orphanage.

N. H.—Concord, Miss Isabel Greely, per Mrs. Jas. Minot, for Rhoda,	5 00	
Conn.—Hartford, Miss A. O. Welcher, for Severen, 20.00,	20 00	
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Miss F. Hannan, for Deuli, 5.00; Miss P. W. Montague, for Shamri, 20.00; Ithaca, Miss J. L. Hardy, 10.00; Mrs. M. Van Cleef, for Elizabeth Beebe, 10.00; Schenectady, Miss G. V. N. Lyle, for Kahira, 4.00; Yonkers, Mr. L. W. Ketchum, for two children, 50.00,	99 00	
N. J.—Hackensack, "Chase Band," Mr. W. M. Johnson, 10.00; Mrs. W. M. Johnson, 10.00; Mrs. J. A. Romeyn, 3.00; Mrs. W. Willlams, 3.00; Mrs. C. Demarest, 2.00; Mrs. B. Bogert, 1.00; Miss Ward, 1.00; Passaic, Mrs. C. H. Demarest, for Dhumia, 7.50,	37 50	
Ill.—Chicago, Mr. C. B. Bouton, special request of his brother, the late Mr. N. S. Bouton, Mr. M. R. Kimball, Treas.,	25 00	
Neb.—Shickley, Y. P. S. C. E., Miss G. L. Beach, Cor. Sec'y, for Pattiya,	10 00	
Total,		$196 50

FATEHPUR.

Rescue Work.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Miss A. H. Birdseye, for Miss May, 30.00; N. Y. City, Y. W. C. League, Miss A. M. Gibson, Treas., Salary of Miss Mudge, 150.00,	180 00	
N. J.—Fanwood & Scotch Plains W. League, Mrs. H. S. Fullerton, for Sarat,	5 00	
Total,		$185 00

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

Pa.—Robesonia, Mrs. S. E. Keiser, for Pun Ling Soon, Bridgman Home,	5 00	
Cal.—Mllls College, Tolman Band, Mrs. C. T. Mills, for M. W. Hospltal,	50 00	
Total,		$55 00

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

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N. J.—Westfield, W. For. Miss. Soc. Ref. Epis. Ch., Miss M. V. Hammer, Treas. Mrs. Jos. Barton's Quarterly, for B. Reader,	15 00	
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N. Y.—Albany Br. "Egbert's Band," Mrs. J. L. Newman, 20.00; Brooklyn, Mrs. E. E. Robinson, 20.00; N. Y. City, Mrs. Davies Coxe, Expenses of Annual Meeting, 100.00: Miss M. E. Nixon, 5.00,	$145 00	
N. J.—Lakehurst, Rev. A. H. Allen,	25 00	
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Jhansi,	10 00
China,	55 00
Japan,	455 00
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Jubilee Fund,	25 00
Link Subscriptions,	4 75
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